

# JARRETTSVILLE/NORRISVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

June 29, 2011

## Norrisville Recreation Meeting Room

### **Members Present:**

Dave Seman, Chairperson

William Nicodemus

Adam Moore

Kyle Gray, Vic-President

Alfred Williamson

Richard Russell

Julie Marindin, Secretary

### **Guests:**

Depute Mark Logsdon

Captain Warner, Northern Precinct

Gene Preston, Chesapeake Bay Septic

Dave Seman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Review of Minutes:** Dave Seman made a motion to approve the minutes of April and May. William Nicodemus seconded. Passed.

### **Government Updates**

**Sheriff's Representative:** Deputy Mark relayed that 2 burglaries on the upper side had been reported in the past month. On the lower side, bike patrols are effective as their presence pushes illegal activity out of the area. Nuisance calls are predominant in summertime. There is no curfew in county, but residents should call and report loud groups, fireworks.

Captain Warner discussed the county and state noise ordinances. Noise meter records decibels of sounds, 64 db is stronger than a horn. 11:00 pm to 6:00 am, county enforceable. 10:00 pm to 7: am, state. There is a different reading for 7 to 10. State is \$10,000 fine; county, warning first, then fines of \$250.,500.,1,000. Charge is disturbance of peace.

**County Council:** Chad Shrodes spoke on 2 matters. First, he asked that residents go online and/or write letters about toll increases across Susquehanna, and mentioned the truck traffic fines for trucks on Route 439, bypassing 695 and taking 152. The fines are a source of income, 60 tickets issues = \$20,000. With toll increase, trucks will then take 23 to 1 to 222. Trucks pay per axle. Truck traffic will only increase with toll increase.

Captain Warner added that locals do not have truck enforcement team nor resources, and have reached out to state. There is 1 officer who can stop and check logs.

Second, Mr. Shrodes reminded group of Jay Young's presentation about gas station tank storage reform at previous meeting, and repeated the importance of design standards. Mr. Young's interest is to address the “non-conforming use” (once permitted, but no longer) predicament of gas stations and specifically, to draft legislation that allows replacement of existing tanks without having to appeal, and to allow expansion. The goal is to work on compromise among all parties, there are not currently lines at pumps, nor are mom & pop shops complaining of hardship.

Chairman Seman suggested the creation of a committee to attend any future meetings about matter.

Member Al Williamson clarified that Royal Farms seeks to upgrade site at 152 and 95 in Franklinville. There are 24 potential sites.

An audience member mentioned that a Joppa station has had a benzene leak since 2007.

**Country Executive:** Patricia Gonzolez present, but gave no report.

**Member Update:** Bill Nicodemus reported that there will be 1 DAC meeting in July. Rick Russell reported 2 items of interest that are in the capital budget - HVAC overhaul for JES in 2012, and NES in 2013.

Al Williamson reported on his visit to Peach Bottom. NES and JES are not first circle, but are receiving schools in time of crisis.

**Guest Presentation:** Gene Preston, owner of 3 local septic businesses, Advance, Whiteford, Chesapeake, for 40 years, spoke about a bill pending that requires new technology for targeted “critical area”, defined as anywhere that drains to Chesapeake Bay, which is everywhere by way of runoff of manure and septic. Machine costs 12 to 15,000 apiece.

Mr. Preston spoke of good septic practices – only allowed material that has been eaten; don't wash 4-5 loads in a row, and pump every 2 years.

**Member Presentation:** Dave Seman spoke of PlanMaryland, a 180 page smartgrowth initiative affecting 14 areas and deriving from 2009 legislation. It will affect us here in rural exurbs, and is up for comment. It explains that we release nitrogen into bay by not using newer, enhanced septic systems and the plan wants to curb development in countryside – good or bad thing?

PlanMaryland contains the term “environmental justice” alot. Mr. Seman said “we don't want the cure (fees) to kill the patient”.

**Old Business:**

**Future Guests:** Principal/PTA of NES, Business Owners, Farmers

**New Business:**

**Good of the Council:**

- Post local events on Facebook Page
- Buy local
- Members will send a get-well card to fellow Member Carol Morrow, who suffered a fall and is in Sinai Hospital, then Bright Oaks for rehab.

**Adjournment:** Dave Seman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kyle Gray. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

**Next Meeting:** September 28, 2011 at 6:30 pm at Jville Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Marindin